

# Ultimatum

## WE WANT MORE

Thrifty people are never satisfied with what they have today. We find them working as the days come and go striving to gain more in the material world. The man or woman who has a \$50 bill today wouldn't object to having a \$100 bill the next day. We find thrifty people striving to better their conditions socially, culturally, spiritually and intellectually. Thrifty people never look back, they always look forward, hoping to improve their conditions in every way. Often we have heard it remarked by leaders in our group as well as from the lips of others that we are better off today than we were 50 years ago. and why not be satisfied with what we have? Why contend for more and run the risk of losing what we already have?

It is a reflection on our intelligence for any Negro to advocate that we should be satisfied with what we already have. Our forefathers would turn over in their graves if we as a race of people would call a halt and not seek to advance forward, demand more as citizens and tax payers. Other races are not satisfied with the present, and why should we be satisfied?

Life is just beginning for our group, but the life of a race is a battle, and the victory is to those who fight with faith and courage to great principles. Every Negro youth in America should first be loyal to his own family and race, and then patriotic to his country. The morals of our race must be aroused to the great task ahead and we must realize that we have got to solve our own problems of employment, economics and politics. If we stand still, civilization will go forward and we will be left at the post. So why not ask for more, get all bets down before the horses leave the post and be at the finishing line with the gang.—Plainealer.

## You're in the Army Now!

### APPEAL IS MADE FOR OLD MAGAZINES FOR TRAINEES

By Pvt. Walter J. McLean  
Fort Bragg, N. C.

Trainees of the 16th Battalion of the Field Artillery Replacement Center are very short of magazines, books and other reading matter to use during spare moments. There are two recreation centers provided, besides ping pong, the outstanding inside hobby is reading. The reason these centers are short of reading material is this Replacement Center is only about four months old. Any contributions of reading material by clubs, fraternities, or any other groups will be appreciated by the trainees of the 16th Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Replacement Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

### PLEASE WRITE

Battery "C" 16th Battalion,  
5th Field Artillery Training  
Regiment,  
June—1941.

My Dear Friends:

Today marks the saddest time I've ever experienced since my induction into the army because it is rather difficult to write what I really mean, but I'll try to be as specific as possible.

Many other men like myself are nearing the end of a three-month period at Fort Bragg and at this time we are slowly being prepared to be "shipped out" as it is often said in the army. As you know men have been gathered from various parts of the country and sent to forts of every kind to be taught different phases of modern scientific warfare, and after three months of this training we are gathered again to spend three months some place else. To be brief a few men will be kept in all the forts while others will be sent away and then the rest will take the place of those that were vacated. The point I'm trying to make clear is that many that were strangers are now very good friends and you can rest assured that some of the friendships will

### SEND NEWS EARLY!

edition must be received not later than Monday.

be heart-felt when the final day comes to say good-bye which isn't far off, about the latter part of this month.

One day in March of this year we said good-bye to our loved ones at home to go to places unknown and who knows when to return but with your encouragement our tasks will be made much easier to master.

The one and only way you can help is by writing to the man that thought so much of you when in civilian life. Fathers, mothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and grandparents. I plead with all of you not to forget your relatives that are so far from you. They need your words of consolation because their future life depends on the many subjects of interest you are so capable of writing about. Many times at mail call, I've heard men say that they received a "fine" letter from home, and when a man in the army says that something is fine he is expressing his heart and soul to a satisfaction you'll never understand for a long time to come.

There are other men young and old whose spirits are pretty low because of the fact that they didn't get a letter from mom or pop. They can't understand why, as hasn't written or whether brother has forgotten. It is a pitiful scene to see a man's actions after he has been disappointed at mail call.

Wives and sweethearts you have an important part to play too. Write often whether your letters are answered or not. Always be patient because sometimes your letters can't be answered as prompt as they should be, but you'll get a letter that will explain many things that you once wondered about.

All that I ask of any of you is to remember that we are here trying with all our might to learn to protect you and all that's sacred so that our shores will always be safe for the generation to come. This can't be done alone.

Keep in close touch with those you know by writing to help their spirits to be at a high pitch at all times.

I don't know where I'll be when I write you again but please bare in mind that someone is thinking of you.—Don't forget!

I'll close saying good-bye to many friends, and may we meet again.

Your Fort Bragg Correspondent  
Acting Corporal,  
Wm. H. Inqua

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# Given in Wilberforce U. Fight

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## Buckeye Sportsman's Will Irks Former Wife; Fight Looms

### Cheyney Commencement Colorful



Commencement would not be the same at Cheyney State Teachers College if the annual open-air pageant did not take place and, above, we have a trio of the dancers on the green: Misses Mary Ennis, Rebecca Curry, and Gwen-dolyn Beadford. Below, right, a view of the academic procession with the '41 graduates facing the camera.

## Building Trade Mechanics Can Find Work

PHILADELPHIA, PA. While there were more denials that Cramp's Shipyard is drawing race and class lines to the extent that only "second generation whites" are needed, there was encouragement on one section of the job front as the Armstrong Association revealed that Negro carpenters can get jobs in the Philadelphia area.

Wayne L. Hopkins, secretary of the association, especially pointed to the fact that local labor unions are no longer refusing membership to Negroes and, because of this more liberal attitude, Negroes are joining, can join and get jobs.

The openings available are carpenters, painters, bricklayers, and cement finishers—and Negroes must seize upon this opportunity to affiliate themselves with the union of their respective trade," the Armstrong Association head declares.

"They should not only become members but active members, in order to insure against the well known 'freezing-out process,' which will more or less be invoked against them when the reconstruction program is curtailed."

"Now is the time," continues the statement, "for our skilled mechanics to at themselves into the pattern of the organized labor movement. They must not miss the opportunity, for, if they do, they will have missed the ship and there won't be any future sailing for years to come."

### NAME SQUARE FOR COLORED VET

BOSTON, June 27. (ANP) — The city council of Brockton, Mass., recently adopted Mayor Fred D. Rowe's suggestion to designate the junction of School, Crescent, and Bay streets as Orleans William Burton square in honor of the first colored man to volunteer in the World War. He was the son of Anna Price Burton and the late Samuel Burton. July 2, 1918, he died in service in France.



### MRS. SALLIE HODGES

A resident of Gary for the past twenty years, having moved here from Andersonville, Ga., Mrs. Sallie Hodges, 36, 1542 Jefferson, died at Mercy hospital following a brief illness. Survivors are three daughters, Sarah, Lucy and Margaret Hodges. Cresswell funeral home had charge of the body.

The cock's crow does not bring the dawn.

### COL. LOUIS A. CARTER, ARMY CHAPLAIN, DIES

TUSCON, Ariz., June 27. (ANP) Col. Louis A. Carter, 65, retired chaplain and one of the few Negroes to attain the rank of Colonel in the United States army, died Saturday in the Veterans' hospital here. Commissioned in 1910, Col. Carter served as chaplain of each of the regular army's for Negro regiments, the 9th and 10th cavalry and the 24th and 25th infantry.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Indications that Mrs. Jessie Blakeman, divorced wife of Perry Blakeman, reputedly wealthy sportsman who died here June 6, will endeavor to break Blakeman's will, were evident in statements made to the Call-Post Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Blakeman and her attorney, Charles Druggan.

The will, on file at probate court, and not yet probated, bequeaths all Blakeman's properties, share and share alike, to Ora Taylor Scott, 69, 21 Street, and to Doris Blakeman and Jamie Doaks, minors, 1245 E. Long street, with the exception of Blakeman's interest in the Regal Club, which goes to Atty. David White, 427 Eldridge street, Blakeman's legal counsel and partner. Nowhere in the will is there any mention of the late sportsman's former wife.

When asked for a statement Tuesday afternoon as to her possible action to gain a share of the Blakeman estate, Mrs. Blakeman replied that she could say nothing yet except that there would be a lawsuit after the will is probated. Her attorney, Charles Druggan, 8 E. Long street, in answer to questions, stated that in his opinion Mrs. Blakeman, though divorced from Blakeman, would gain a wife's share of the state, and based his belief on the allegation that the Blakemans until the time of Mr. Blakeman's death, and for some time previous, were living together as common-law man and wife.

Mrs. Ora Taylor Scott, beneficiary under terms of Blakeman's will, seemed unperturbed when informed by the Call-Post that there probably would be legal action to take away a part of her prospective inheritance, which it is rumored will run into thousands of dollars. The bride of little more than one month said she had nothing to say about such a possible action, and that she was leaving Columbus for a vacation in the South. The other adult beneficiary, Atty. David White could not be reached by this publication for a statement before press time.

Blakeman's will, read in the files at Probate Court, is as follows: "My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as may be convenient.

"Second, I give, devise, and bequeath to Ora Taylor Scott, Doris Blakeman and Jamie Doaks, share and share alike, the remainder of my estate of every kind whatsoever, after the payment of all my just debts.

To my attorney and partner, David White, I do hereby nominate and appoint David White executor of this, my last will and testament."

The will was made and signed on May 28, while Blakeman lay on his death bed at Mt. Carmel Hospital. It was witnessed by Doctors H. Jefferson, 3735 E. Broadway street, and Wells H. Teachnor, 3 Sessions Drive.

Appraisers for the Blakeman estate were named Saturday by Judge C. P. McClelland of Probate Court and by the estate. They are Earl Hood, William Buckner, and Dr. W. W. Cooper. Their investigation will result in an appraisal of Blakeman's many properties within the next thirty days.

## State Insistent

## Upon Walker Ousting; School Rift Imminent

WILBERFORCE, Ohio, June 27.—Setting July 15 as the deadline for putting into actual operation a separate State-conducted college, the trustees of the State Department meeting here this week virtually ordered the trustees of Wilberforce university to accede to their demands for the ousting of President D. Ormande Walker.

Delayed action was taken as a move still to force dismissal of Dr. Walker as president despite the fact that in June, 1940, the university trustees re-elected him for a four-year term ending June 1944, and refused to support forces attempting his removal at the meeting of the trustees held here last week. State trustees are said to have been persuaded that Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, chairman of the University Board of Trustees, will call another meeting of the board prior to July 15, and urge acquiescence to their program.

If the university trustees obey these orders, many believe such will mark the end of the influence of the A.M.E. Church in the affairs of Wilberforce university, long regarded as its most outstanding contribution to the progress of the race. It is not generally believed that the leadership of the A.M.E. Church will suffer its prestige to be so affronted and belittled, since the establishment at Wilberforce university of the Industrial Department by the State of Ohio, whereby certain funds and services are made available to the university through the use of its teaching faculty, there has been a tendency towards a lessening of financial support of the school by the church and a leaning more and more on financial aid from the State. The situation now prevails that the State provides such a large part of the funds for the teaching faculty that the immediate withdrawal of such funds would seriously cripple the work being developed during the past few years and cause the school to lose its accreditation as a Class "A" College by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

It is generally conceded that Wilberforce university has enjoyed an era of splendid progress under the administration of President D. Ormande Walker. That he has made some mistakes is not refuted. Friends of both sides are urging that a way be found to save the situation and permit the school to continue to progress.

Unless differences between the State and University Trustees at Wilberforce can be composed, with both sides adopting a spirit of give and take, fear is currently expressed that this, the oldest college in America, manned and conducted by colored people, will be a thing of the past.

## FORT JACKSON MULE PACK UNIT BEGINS DUTIES

FORT JACKSON, S. C., June 27.—Fort Jackson's first mule pack unit, the 67th Quartermaster Troop composed of 71 colored selectees and 9 colored cadetmen, was activated here recently upon their arrival from Ft. Riley, Kan.

The selectees have completed their thirteen weeks of basic training.

They will take over their permanent duties in the pack—mules and nine riding horses which are to be shipped from Fort Royal, Va.

The 67th pack train, a holdover from the oldest method of transporting war supplies, will still play a prominent part in the Army's distribution system despite the highly-mechanized methods now in vogue. For in rough terrain where the heavy supply trucks can't get through, the pack trains will come into their own to carry rations and supplies up to the front lines. The pack trains can move up at an average of from 25 to 30 miles per day.

The new pack troops are located in the 25th Quartermaster Regiment area here at Fort Jackson, the nation's sixth largest Army post.

TRUPOUS ENJOY SHOW

FORT JACKSON, S. C., June 27. The Lew Parker and company show, the first of seven mobile units that are touring the nation's Army posts, recently played for colored troops stationed here.

The approximate 1,200 Negro troops at Fort Jackson received the show with unmistakable appreciation.

The show consisted of various acts including Miss Ginger Harmon, America's Champion Jitter-

Bug, who captivated the colored troops, and Miss Collette Lyon, comedienne, also drew many laughs and applause.

Miss Yola Galli, chanteuse of South American songs and the Margie Sisters, petite Adagio team were large favorites.

Lew Parker was Master of Ceremonies and kept the audience in gales of laughter with his witty sayings about the army.

Probably the most enjoyed act was Allan Jones, star of stage and screen, who sang "Donkey Serenade," "Make Believe" and "Amapolala." He was accompanied by Steve Richards who was released from well known movie company for this tour.

Most of the colored troops stationed at Fort Jackson are in the Quartermaster Corps and this show was a welcome addition to the list of numerous entertainments arranged for the colored soldiers here at Fort Jackson.

## ASSIGN DAVIS TO D.C. POST

FT. RILEY, Kans., June 27. (ANP)—Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, only colored general officer in the United States Army, left Thursday for Washington, where he will be assigned to the inspector-general's department.

Gen. Davis has been commander of the 4th Cavalry Brigade here since Jan. 13. The general is due for retirement. He will be 64 July 1. Gen. Davis is a native of Washington, D. C. He entered the military service as a first lieutenant of infantry during the War with Spain. He was mustered out in March, 1899, and three months later enlisted as a private in the Regular Army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry in February, 1901.

No successor to Gen. Davis has yet been announced. The 4th Cavalry Brigade is made up of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments.

## Olivet A.M.E. to Close Drive For Funds at South Bend

## FIND GARY MAN DEAD IN BED

GARY, June 27.—Clarence Brown 37, found dead in bed about 12:30 p.m., June 15 at his home, 3715 Ruttermut. Dr. Charles J. Doneghy declared the man suffered a heart attack. Mr. Brown had been employed at the Inland Steel company for many years. The body was sent to Nicholson funeral home pending arrangements. Survivors are the mother, Mrs. Birdie Marshall, and three sisters, Mrs. Ocie McCarthy, Miss Sue Brown and Mrs. Ada Moton.

## So. Bend Church Honors Pastor

SOUTH BEND, June 27.—With Elder J. L. Nunn of East Chicago preaching the sermon, members and friends of the Church of God in Christ, 1069 Burns street, recently celebrated the eighth anni-

versary of their pastor, Elder R. D. Wilson. Organized by him in 1933 the church has made rapid progress under Elder Wilson, now having ten organized departments and training of young people as special work.

the hundreds of South Benders on this occasion.

Charles H. Willis is chairman of the drive; F. Douglas Coker is president of the men's club.

## YOUTH DROWNS AT TERRE HAUTE

TERRE HAUTE, June 27.—With the police and rescue squads being assisted by citizens, the body of 11-year-old Albert Benjamin Luttrell, 1912 Spruce street, was recovered after two companions had revealed that the boy had drowned in a pond at Thirty-second and Ohio Boulevard.

Funeral services were held at Green's mortuary with Rev. F. F. Boyd officiating, assisted by Rev. Bradford and Rev. Churchill. Prof. Morton Lewis, principal of Lincoln school, spoke highly of the youth as a Boy Scout and other activities.

Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cullis Luttrell, two brothers, Cullis, Jr., and Johnnie; three sisters, Anna, Frances, Joanne and Jeanette. Burial was at Grandview cemetery.